GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:46
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000
SEA EROSION
ANANDRAO ADSUL;CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several coastal States in the country are facing sea erosions; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to prevent sea erosions in those States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARREDQUESTION NO. 46 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2000 REGARDING SEA EROSION.

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir, all the coastal States are facing problem of sea erosions in certain reaches. The Union Government had earlier given central loan assistance amounting to Rs.52.00 crore and Rs.0.92 crore upto March 1992 to the critically affected States of Kerala and Karnataka respectively for taking up anti-sea-erosion works. Providing central loan assistance was discontinued beyond 1991-92 as a process of decentralization, as per the decision taken in the 43rd meeting of National Development Council held in December 1991. However in February, 1995 the Government of Kerala sought special central assistance for emergent conservation of sea coast in the districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Trissur at a cost of Rs.5.99 crore. The Planning Commission accepted the proposal for investment clearance and also sanctioned Rs.3 crore in February, 1996 as special central assistance as a one time measure for completing the execution of anti-sea-erosion works in Kerala by June, 1996.

Proposal have been received from the Maritime States to control coastal erosion under the following two programmes:-

(i) National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP).

(ii) Central assistance for critical anti erosion works in Coastal and other than Ganga basin States.

NCPP is under formulation stage in association with the maritime States.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) forproviding central assistance to coastal and other than Ganga basin States has been proposed during the Ninth Five year Planto prevent sea and river erosion in these States. Being a new scheme, approval of the full Planning Commission is required for sanctioning any central assistance.